

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration based on the above claim amendments and the following remarks. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

A review of the claims indicates that:

Claims 2-6, 14-16, 20, 22-32, 34-36, 43, 45-46 remain in their original form.

Claims 13, 17, 19, 21, 33, 37, 39-42, 44 are as previously presented.

Claims 1, 11-12 are currently amended.

Claims 7-10, 18, and 38 are cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 10-12 are objected to as being dependant upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. (*Office Action*, page 11). These claims are either incorporated into respective base claims leaving the base claims in condition for allowance, or depend from the amended and allowable base claims (as outlined below). Claims 17, 19-37, 39-46 are allowed. (*Office Action*, page 11). Applicant wishes to thank the Office for its indication of allowable subject matter.

The claims have been placed into allowable form as follows:

- Regarding claim 10, its elements, as well as those of claim 9, have been incorporated into claim 1. Thus, claim 1 as well as claims 2-6 and 11-16, which depend from claim 1, are in allowable form. Claims 9 and 10 are cancelled due to this incorporation.

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-6, 9, 15-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,513,019 to Lewis (hereinafter "Lewis") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,708,166 to Dysart et. al (hereinafter "Dysart") further in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2005/0004978 to Reed et. al (hereinafter "Reed"), further in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0138389 to Martone et. al (hereinafter "Martone") and further in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0039671 to Smith et. al (hereinafter "Smith").

Claims 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by Lewis in view of Dysart further in view of Reed further in view of Martone further in view of Smith and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,708,213 to Bommaiah et. al (hereinafter "Bommaiah").

Claims 1-6, 11-17, 19-37, and 39-46 remain in this application.

In view of the amendments and remarks above, the rejections asserted by the Office are rendered moot and all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims.

Conclusion

The Applicant submits that all of the remaining claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowability be issued. If the Office's next anticipated action is not the issuance of a Notice of Allowability, the Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be contacted for the purpose of scheduling an interview.

Respectfully Submitted,

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